



West Valley City **POLICE**

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Man Attacked by Suspect with Hammer and Knife

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On Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at approximately 3:30pm, WVCPCD officers responded to a home at 5682 West Cape Vista Way. The 68 year old male occupant of the home had been attacked by a suspect who was armed with a knife and a hammer. Witnesses reported seeing the suspect walking eastbound on Cape Vista Way carrying a knife and hammer and behaving strangely. The suspect approached the home of the victim just as the victim came outside into his front yard. A family member inside the home heard a commotion outside and looked out a window to see her family member being attacked by the suspect. The attack carried over into the home before the suspect finally fled. The suspect ran eastbound, still armed with the knife and hammer, and encountered another person about a block away. After a verbal confrontation the suspect ran north where witnesses reported seeing him enter the back yard of a home at 4479 South 5630 West. Police obtained entry to that home and discovered the suspect in the basement. The suspect reportedly rents a portion of the basement.

The suspect in this case has been identified as Gerardo Enrique Perez (DOB 1-04-1996). Perez has been booked into jail on the following charges:

- 1st degree felony attempted murder
- 1st degree felony aggravated residential burglary
- 3rd degree felony aggravated assault (3 counts)
- Misdemeanor resisting arrest

The victim of the attack suffered injuries to his head. At last report, he was in critical, but stable condition.

